

## PROJECT 10073 RECORD

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| 1. DATE - TIME GROUP<br>16 Apr 68 170216Z  | 2. LOCATION<br>Gaston, North Carolina  | (1 Witness)                 |
| 3. SOURCE<br>Civilian  | 10. CONCLUSION<br>Satellite (ECHO I)   |                             |
| 4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS<br>One  | At 2107(L), Echo 1 was at 83 deg long., 35 deg lat., traveling in a NE direction.  |                             |
| 5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION<br>7 Minutes  | 11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS<br>The observer sighted a blue light that was as bright as the brightest star. The light silently traveled toward the NE. |                             |
| 6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION<br>Ground-Visual  |  |                             |
| 7. COURSE<br>NE  |  |                             |
| 8. PHOTOS<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No            |  |                             |
| 9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | <p style="text-align: center;">SMC</p> <p>Director<br/>Aerospace Studies Inst<br/>ATTN: Archives Branch<br/>Maxwell AFB, Alabama</p>                     |                             |
|  |  | RETURN TO:<br>1630 Apr 1768 |

FORM  
FTD SEP 63 0-329 (TDE) Previous editions of this form may be used.

## U.S. Airforce Technical Information

1 April 16, 1968

2 9:16 P.M.

3 Standard time

4 ~~[REDACTED]~~ Gastonie, N.C.

5. 7 min., certain of time, determined by watch, object in sight continually, but dimmed and brightened.

6. Visibility unlimited.

7.

8. There were many stars.

9. Clear sky, dry weather

10. Appeared as a light.

11. Bright as the brightest star.

12. The edges were slightly fuzzy.

13. a stood still several times.

b. didn't speed up and rushed away

c. didn't break up

d. didn't give off smoke

e. changed brightness several times

f. didn't change shape

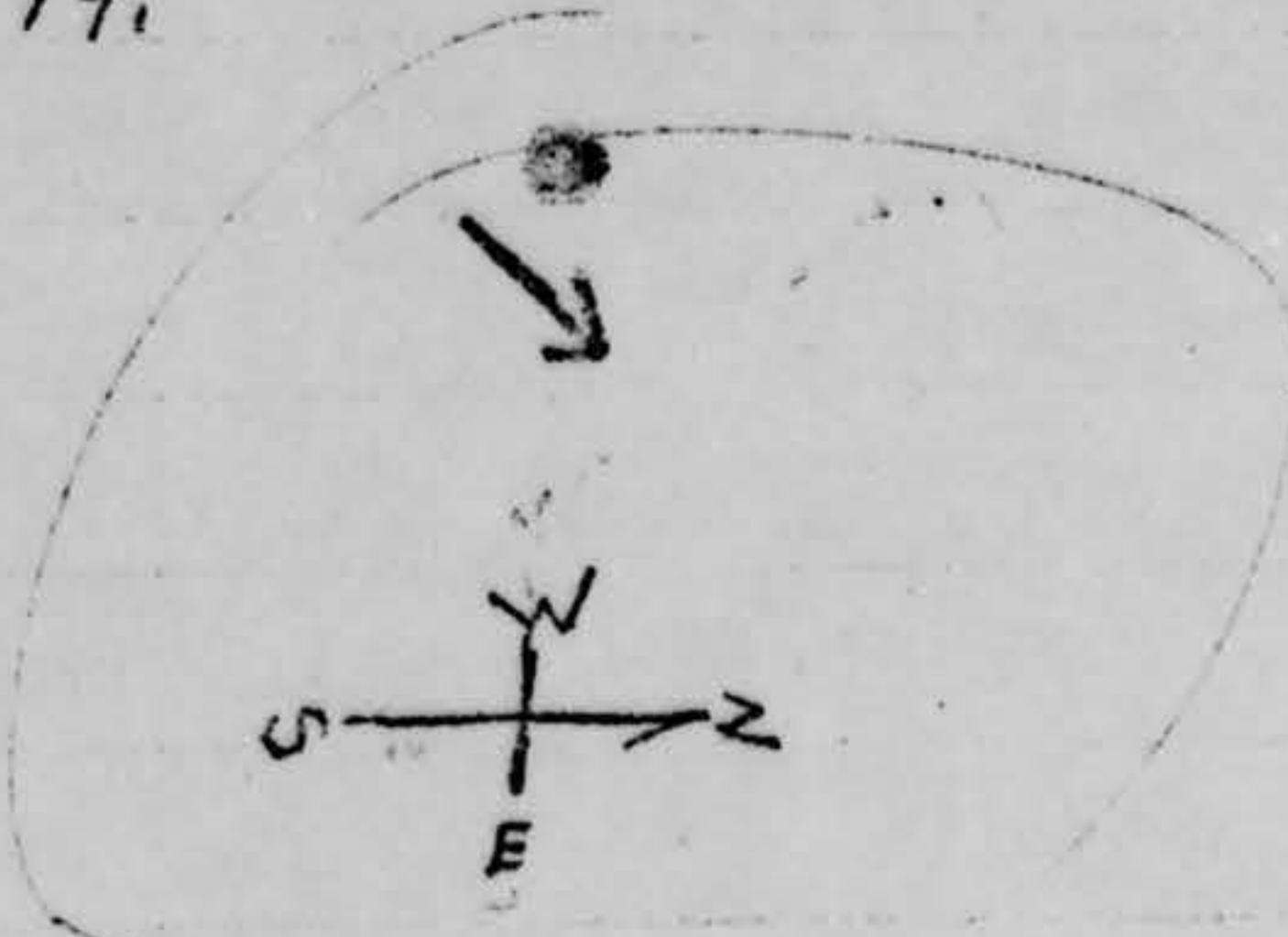
g. didn't flicker or flicker

h. Disappeared but didn't reappear

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14. The object disappeared. It faded out.
15. Didn't move behind any objects.
16. Didn't move in front of anything.
17. It had no sound. The color was blue-white.
18. All of the object would have been covered by a match head at arms length.

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20. Estimated speed: Mach 1
21. Couldn't estimate height.
22. I was outdoors when I saw it
23. In residential section.

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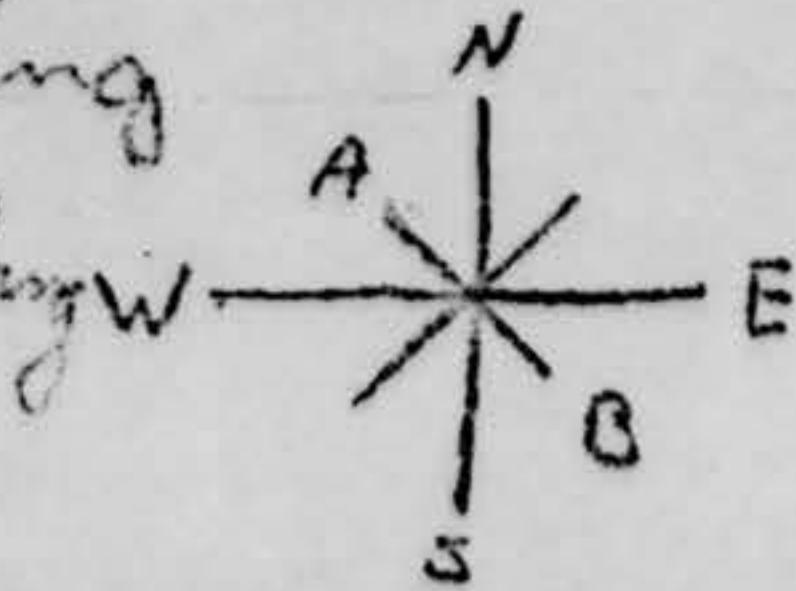
25. Saw the object through my glasses.
26. It looked like a star

27. About  $35^{\circ}$  when first seen.

About  $30^{\circ}$  when last seen,

(A) when seen going

(B) when seen having



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S  
N  
NE  
goofy NE  
for

28.

B

29.

30. Seen objects like this before. But I don't remember the dates. The location is same.

31. No one else was with me. Except when a friend called and she didn't have time to watch. And she told him to call back.

32.

[REDACTED] Lee, Gastonia, N.C.

[REDACTED], 15 years old, male

33. Didn't report to anyone except you.

34. Completed questionnaire; April 16, 1968

35. When I first saw it I got my camera and took 3 pictures; one at my door step, one about 10 ft from the door and the other at the side of the house where it was darkest. I looked for running lights, thinking it was a plane but there was none. I could tell it was a single body. Sometimes during the day I can see jets going over at high altitudes and the speed was guessed by the jets. At certain times it dimmed to half or 1/3 its brightness. At one point it dimmed moved a little dimmed again, it did

this about 5 times when it got passed  
last star in the cup of the Big Dipper  
that it passed.

~~where it~~  
dimmed and zigzagged  
at the same time

When it started to disappear it zigzagged  
several times.

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The pictures I mentioned earlier  
will be sent as soon as I get them back.

[REDACTED]  
Gastonia, N.C. 28052